Child Labour at Railway Stations

709. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether child labour is rampant in railway stations where Railways have allotted stalls/kiosks;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the preventive measures taken by the Railways authorities in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) the Agreement of Catering Stalls contains a specific clause banning employment of children below 18 years. Regular checks are conducted at stations to ensure that there is no violation made of the Employment of Children Act 1938 and to prevent engagement of child labour by contractors.

Double Stack container Trains

710. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Railways are very soon going to introduce double stack container trains for the first time in the country;

(b) if so, the details of routes that have been identified to introduce double stack container trains in the country; and

(c) how much the Railways are going to save by this annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) As a trial, Pipavav-Jaipur route has been identified for running of double stack container trains. Work of removal of infringements is in progress. Double stack container trains are economical but the actual savings will depend upon the volumes of traffic.